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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Stinson et al.

Examiner: Barrett, Thomas C.

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For: RADIOPAQUE MARKERS FOR  
IMPLANTABLE PROSTHESES

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 23, 2005 and marked final, a reply to which is due March 23, 2006 with a one-month extension of time, a petition for which is concurrently filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this submission.